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SUBJECT: FURTHER DISCUSSION WITH CHINESE ON CULTURAL
EXCHANGE PACKAGE

REF: TOKYO 14883

1. REQUEST YOU ARRANGE MEETING WITH LIN PING OR OTHER APPROPRIATE CHINESE OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE CULTURAL EXCHANGES AGREED UPON DURING THE SECRETARY'S RECENT VISIT TO PEKING.
2. AT THIS MEETING YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CHINESE THAT, AS AGREED IN COUNERPART TALKS, WE HAVE TOLD THE NCUSCR AND THE CSC/PRC OF THE EXCHANGES TO WHICH THE US SIDE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE. WE ALSO HAVE INFORMED THE NCUSCT REGARDING THE CCPIT VISIT. THE COMMITTEES ACCEPT THE PROPOSALS (BUT SEE PARA 3 BELOW). WE BELIEVE THAT THIS SET OF EXCHANGES OFFERS BOTH SIDES AN OPPORTUNITY TO FURTHER DEVELOP LINES OF COMMUNICATION WHICH CAN HELP CONSOLIDATE AND IMPROVE THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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3. YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CHINESE, HOWEVER, THAT THE DEPARTMENT HOPES THEY WILL GIVE FURTHER CONSIDERATION TO THE OTHER PROPOSALS MADE BY THE US SIDE: IN PARTICULAR, TO THOSE MENTIONED IN PARA 1 REFTTEL PLUS THE WOODROW

WILSON SCHOLAR PROGRAM AND OTHER LONG-TERM
SCHOLARLY AND CULTURAL EXCHANGES. IN GENERAL, WE ARE

INTERESTED IN WHETHER THE CHINESE HAVE GIVEN FURTHER
THOUGHT TO ENLARGING THE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES AS MENTIONED IN THE NOVEMBER COMMUNIQUE. YOU
SHOULD ADD THAT

THE CSC AND NCUSCR WILL PROBABLY ALSO BE APPROACHING THE
CHINESE ON BOTH THE AGREED EXCHANGES AND SOME OF THEIR
PROPOSALS NOT YET ACCEPTED BY THE CHINESE.

4. AS FOR THE 1974 EXCHANGES AGREED UPON IN NOVEMBER,
THERE ARE A NUMBER OF POINTS WHICH NEED CLARIFICATION
AND FURTHER DISCUSSION:

CHINESE GROUPS GOING TO THE US

PERFORMING ARTS GROUP: IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE TIMING,
MODE OF PRESENTATION, AND LENGTH OF TOUR OF THIS GROUP,
WE NEED TO KNOW WHAT ARTS ARE INVOLVED, WHAT TYPE OF
MUSIC OR DANCE WILL BE PERFORMED, AND HOW MANY PEOPLE
WILL BE IN THE ENTIRE TROUPE. THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE
PREFERS TO KEEP THE TIMING OF THIS VISIT OPEN FOR THE
PRESENT.

AGRICULTURAL STUDY GROUP: IN ORDER TO DETERMINE THE
APPROPRIATE SPONSOR, WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON THE
INTERESTS AND COMPOSITION OF THIS GROUP (E.G. IS IT
SCIENTIFIC OR COMMERCIALY ORIENTED OR BOTH?) FYI: WE
ARE CONSIDERING DUAL CSC - NCUSCT SPONSORSHIP.

MAYORS: YOU MAY INFORM THE CHINESE THAT THIS GROUP WILL
BE CO-HOSTED BY THE NCUSCR AND THE UNITED STATES
CONFERENCE OF MAYORS.

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ARCHEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION: WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN WE
MAY EXPECT NEGOTIATIONS ON THE EXHIBITION TO BEGIN.
DRAWING ON THE REASONS SET FORTH IN STATE 211010 YOU
SHOULD TELL THE CHINESE OF OUR CONTINUED INTEREST IN A
NATIONWIDE TOUR FOR THE EXHIBITION.

CCPIT: WE UNDERSTAND NCUSCT HAS ALREADY INFORMED THE
CHINESE OF ITS STRONG WISH THAT THE VISIT BE NO LATER THAN
APRIL. WE HOPE THE CCPIT CAN AGREE TO THIS TIMING AS IT
IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN MOMENTUM IN THIS AREA.

MARTIAL ARTS: IT IS ESSENTIAL TO KNOW THE MODE OF PRE-
SENTATION -- IS THIS A STAGE SHOW FOR THEATER PRESENTATION
OR IS IT MORE APPROPRIATE FOR A GYMNASIUM OR FIELD HOUSE

AND INCLUDING SOME WORKSHOP SORT OF ARRANGEMENT? IF AN APRIL PRESENTATION IS PLANNED FOR THIS, INFORMATION CONCERNING SIZE OF TROUPE, AND LENGTH OF STAY MUST BE CONFIRMED BY MID-JANUARY AT THE LATEST, OTHERWISE IT WILL BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO ARRANGE FOR A SPONSOR. CANADIANS ALSO ARE INTERESTED IN WU SHU TROUPE AND HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH US AT CHINESE SUGGESTION. WHEN MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE WE WILL COORDINATE VISIT WITH CANADIAN EMBASSY HERE.

US GROUPS TO PRC.

LINGUISTIC RESEARCH: YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CHINESE IT IS LIKELY THAT BOTH THE CSC AND HE NCUSCR WILL BE INVOLVED IN ARRANGING THIS VISIT.

ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN RELATIONS: YOU MAY INFORM THE CHINESE THAT THE NCUSCR WILL ORGANIZE THIS DELEGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS EARLIER PROPOSAL. MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AS WELL AS OTHER SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS WILL BE PART OF THE DELEGATION.

TRACK AND FIELD: YOU SHOULD INFORM THE CHINESE THAT WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS EXCHANGE WITH THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION AND HAVE CONCLUDED THAT A VISIT BY AN AMATEUR TEAM
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WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE TIME BEING, OWING TO THE INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING AMATEUR TRACK AND FIELD. INSTEAD, WE ARE PREPARED TO SEND A GROUP OF US PROFESSIONAL TRACK AND FIELD ATHLETES (THE "INTERNATIONAL TRACK ASSOCIATION") TO COMPETE AMONG EACH OTHER AND TO CARRY OUT DEMONSTRATIONS AND COACHING CLINICS. (OF COURSE, THE ITA WOULD BE MOST WILLING TO COMPETE AGAINST CHINESE ATHLETES SHOULD THE CHINESE REQUEST THIS. WE PRESUME, HOWEVER, THAT THE CHINESE WOULD NOT WANT TO RISK HAVING THEIR ATHLETES BARRED FROM FUTURE INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR COMPETITIONS.) THE ITA TEAM IS MADE UP OF THE FOREMOST ATHLETES IN THE WORLD IN EVERY MAJOR TRACK AND FIELD EVENT AND CAPABLE OF DEMONSTRATING AND COACHING THE LATEST TRAINING TECHNIQUES AND EQUIPMENT. IN THIS DISCUSSION YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON STATE 222592 TO POINT OUT THAT INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS GOVERNING AMATEUR SPORT WERE THE CAUSE OF THE SANCTIONS IMPOSED UPON THE SWIMMERS WHO VISITED CHINA. IN THE CASE OF TRACK AND FIELD, INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE ON THE AAU WOULD BE EVEN MORE INTENSE. EVEN WERE WE, AS IN THE CASE OF THE SWIMMERS, TO ASSEMBLE A TEAM OF NON-AAU AMATEURS, THE AAU WOULD BE HELD RESPONSIBLE BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. SINCE THE AAU CONTROLS ACTIVE TRACK AND FIELD COMPETITION MORE EFFECTIVELY THAN SWIMMING, A NON-AAU AMATEUR TEAM IN TRACK

AND FIELD, UNLIKE SWIMMING, WOULD NOT BE A TOP QUALITY TEAM WORTHY OF THE PRC'S INTEREST, AND OURS, IN MUTUAL EXCHANGES. THUS, IF AN EXCHANGE IN TRACK AND FIELD IS TO BE CARRIED OUT, IT MUST BE BY PROFESSIONAL ATHLETES. SHOULD THE CHINESE NOT ACCEPT OUR OFFER TO SEND A PROFESSIONAL TEAM, YOU MAY SAY THAT WE WILL CONSIDER SOME OTHER SPORT FOR THIS EXCHANGE, SUCH AS GYMNASTICS.

5. ACCORDING TO OUR UNDERSTANDING, THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON US-CHINA RELATIONS, WITH OUR COOPERATION, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE GROUPS:

A. TO US FROM PRC: MARTIAL ARTS TROUPE; SMALL PERFORMING ARTS GROUP; MAYORS.

B. TO PRC: COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS AND SIMILAR GROUPS; UNIVERSITY PRESIDENTS; TRACK AND FIELD TEAM OR SOME OTHER SPORTS GROUP.

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THE COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION, WITH OUR COOPERATION, WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE GROUPS:

A. TO US FROM PRC: SEISMOLOGY; LASER; PLANT PHOTOSYNTHESIS; MEDICAL STUDY.

B. TO PRC: PLANT RESEARCH; EARTHQUAKE PREDICTION; ACUPUNCTURE-ANAESTHESIA; LINGUISTIC RESEARCH (PERHAPS WITH NCUSCR); HERBAL PHARMACOLOGY. KISSINGER

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